

**Administrative Order on Consent
for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility
Hawaii DOH, U.S. EPA, U.S. Navy, and DLA**

COMMUNICATION PLAN

I. Purpose

This document proposes forms of outreach and a schedule to inform stakeholders of the environmental conditions around the Red Hill facility and progress on work being performed under the Red Hill Administrative Order on Consent.

This communication plan is intended to increase stakeholder awareness and proactively convey progress in a frequent, consistent and streamlined manner across our organizations.

II. Forms of Communication/ Outreach

- Red Hill Update (*EPA and DOH*)- Regulatory Agency information in the form of an approximately 4-page newsletter with graphics that provides updates on AOC work
- Admiral Quarterly Newsletter- Letter, usually 3 pages in length with text only, from the Navy Region Admiral to the community that outlines progress around Red Hill, including accomplishments under the AOC
- Neighborhood community meetings- After the release Navy spoke at several neighborhood community meetings and invited members to tour the Facility
- Facility tours- Navy has invited roughly 500 people from both the surrounding community and various levels of civilian and military leadership to tour the facility since the January 2014 release.
- Press Release (*All*)- Typical press releases out to stakeholders
- Public Meeting (*All*)- Conducted at least annually. Have taken on several formats, including presentations, café format, and live questions and answer sessions with Party representatives
- Media interviews- Public radio, Honolulu Star Advertiser editorial board question and answer, local television, newspapers, etc.
- EPA Red Hill Website: [HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/red-hill>"]
Contents- AOC legal documents, AOC deliverables, Regulatory Agency comment letters, Public outreach materials
- DOH Red Hill Website: [HYPERLINK "<http://health.hawaii.gov/shwb/ust-red-hill-project-main/>"]
Contents- Environmental sampling data
- Navy Red Hill Website: [HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/environmental/red-hill-tank.html>"]
Contents- Admiral quarterly letters, Facility information

III. Additional Possible Forms of Outreach

- Regulatory Agency bimonthly email to community/stakeholder list- Regulatory Agency email to community that covers AOC actions but contains less information than the update. This would require no OPA approval to be bimonthly.
- Quarterly open video/conference call to answer questions from community/stakeholders
- Social media page or feed- Need to investigate level of OPA approval
- Media interviews

IV. Key Stakeholders

Parties to the AOC

- U.S. Navy
- Defense Logistics Agency
- Hawaii Department of Health
- Hawaii Department of the Attorney General
- U.S. EPA

Other Stakeholders

- Honolulu Board of Water Supply
- Governor– State of Hawaii
- Mayor– City and County of Honolulu
- Honolulu City Council
- Hawaii Congressional Delegation
- Hawaii State Legislature
- State of Hawaii Residents
- Department of Land and Natural Resources
- U.S. Geological Survey

V. Planned Schedule (*proposed in italic*)

2017

- March 2017- Admiral Newsletter
- April 2017 EPA & DOH Update
- June 2017- Public Meeting
- Summer- Admiral Newsletter on Navy website
- August 2017- Approved Tank Inspection Repair and Maintenance Decision and Implementation (*Press Release where we also mention tank tightness results*)
- *Fall/ Winter 2017 Public Meeting*
- Fall 2017- Admiral Newsletter on Navy website
- *Winter 2017 EPA & DOH Update*
- Winter 2017- Admiral Newsletter on Navy website

2018

- *EPA and DOH Update(s)*
- July 2018- Approved Tank Upgrade Alternative Decision and Implementation (*Public Meeting before and/or after decision & Press Release on initial tank upgrade alternative*)

2019

- *January 2019 -Press Release on initial risk assessment*
- *EPA and DOH Update(s)*
- *2019 Public meeting*

2020

- *EPA and DOH Update(s)*
- *June 2020- Approval of Groundwater Model*
- *2020 Public meeting*

Public Version- Communication to the public will occur on an ongoing basis. The Red Hill AOC requires the Parties to hold a public meeting, at least annually, to inform the public of work being performed under the AOC.

VI. Additional Opportunities for Outreach

- Administrator/ Regional Administrator visits
- Folding in forms of outreach discussed in section III. Above
- Media interviews during Hawaii travel

VII. Quarterly Outreach Conference

The Parties to the AOC will attempt to hold a conference call at least quarterly to discuss recent events and opportunities for engaging with outside stakeholders and the public.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Action Description:

The U.S. EPA and Hawaii Department of Health (“DOH”) entered into an administrative order on consent (“AOC”) which provides for the performance by the Navy and Defense Logistics Agency (“DLA”) of actions to minimize the threat of future releases in connection with the field constructed underground bulk fuel storage tanks, surge tanks, pumps, and associated piping at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (“Facility”), located near Pearl Harbor, on the island of Oahu in the State of Hawaii.

The AOC requires the Navy and DLA to complete specific infrastructure and environmental tasks to protect the drinking water in the Facility’s vicinity and the surrounding environment. All Parties to the AOC are committed to furthering protection of human health and the environment on Oahu and informing the public on an ongoing basis of progress in completing the tasks prescribed by the AOC.

Background:

On January 13, 2014, Navy discovered a loss of fuel from Tank #5 of approximately 27,000 gallons and notified Hawaii Department of Health (“DOH”) and EPA.

The Facility was constructed and became operational in the 1940s. The Facility includes twenty (20) field-constructed steel underground bulk fuel storage tanks (“Tanks”) that each have a fuel storage capacity ranging from approximately 12.5 to 12.7 million gallons resulting in a Facility-wide total of approximately 250 million gallons of fuel. However, currently eighteen (18) tanks are active or in use and two (2) tanks are not currently in operation. Of the eighteen (18) in use tanks, three (3) are empty awaiting various stages of a service life extension program. The remaining fifteen (15) tanks are in use, storing over 180 million gallons of fuel at any given time.

In response to the January 2014 release, EPA, DOH, Navy and DLA negotiated an AOC which was signed on September 28, 2015. AOC has both a legal framework that sets the terms of the agreement and a Statement of Work (SOW”) the details specific work to be performed by the AOC signatories. The SOW contains eight sections: section 1 covers project management; sections 2-5 require analyses of and improvements to facility infrastructure; sections 6-7 require thorough environmental assessment; and section 8 requires the development of an environmental risk and vulnerability assessment.

Agency Message:

The objective of the AOC is to ensure that the groundwater resource in the vicinity of the Facility is protected and to ensure the operation and maintenance of the Facility in an environmentally protective manner. EPA and DOH look forward to continued work with the Navy and DLA on this long term effort to address potential risks from this unique and complex Facility through a comprehensive solution to protect human health and the environment.

Specific messages may change based on the task being completed as part of the AOC or the date in which a press notice is released. See section V. above for anticipated schedule.